

Prevalence of Extended-Spectrum Beta Lactamase Producing in Enterobacteriaceae Isolated from Urinary Tract Infections, Ardebil, Iran

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Background and Aim: Urinary tract infections (UTIs) caused by extended-spectrum beta lactamase (ESBL)-producing bacteria have become a growing problem worldwide. The aim of this study was to investigate the prevalence of ESBL-producing bacteria in urine samples of hospitalized patients in emam hospital of Ardabil over the period of October 2011 to August 2012. **Methods:** A total of 167 urinary pathogens isolated from urine samples were included in the study. All isolates were identified by routine biochemical methods and was antimicrobial susceptibility testing by Kirby-Bauer method. Confirmatory test for production of ESBLs was performed by the combination disk tests. The results were interpreted according to the recommendation of CLSI.

Results: Of 167 isolated bacteria, 135 E.coli, 13 Klebsiella pneumoniae, 4 Klebsiella oxytoca, 5 Enterobacter cloacae, 3 Enterobacter aerogenes, 2 Citrobacter freundii and 2 Enterobacter tartar were identified by biochemical tests respectively. By confirmatory tests 67 E.coli (49.6%), 9 Klebsiella pneumoniae (69.2%), 2 Klebsiella oxytoca (50%), 3 Enterobacter cloacae (60%), 1 Enterobacter aerogenes (33.3%), 1 Citrobacter freundii (50%) and 1 Enterobacter tartar (50%) were detected as ESBLs producing respectively.

Conclusion: Based on the results of this study, broad-spectrum beta-lactamase production in bacterial strains isolated from patients with urinary tract infection was very high and almost 50% of all bacterial species isolated was ESBLs producers. Because of the high prevalence of ESBL-producing bacteria in the urinary tract infections in hospitalized patients of our area, we would strongly suggest that the ESBL production should be considered in these patients.

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